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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON RABAT SUMMIT

1. THE SECRETARY HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND POSTS OVERSEAS AND ASKED THAT IT BE CLOSELY ADHERED TO IN HANDLING PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE RABAT SUMMIT AND ITS IMPACT ON NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. BEGIN GUIDANCE: OUR POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED. AS PRESIDENT FORD HAS SAID, "WE HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY YET TO MAKE ANY FIRM DECISION ON WHAT IMPACT THERE WILL BE FROM THE ARAB DECISIONS. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT WE THINK IT IS OF MAXIMUM IMPORTANCE THAT CONTINUED MOVEMENT TOWARD
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PEACE ON A JUSTIFIABLE BASIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS VITAL TO

THAT AREA OF THE WORLD, AND PROBABLY TO THE WORLD AS A WHOLE.

3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS STILL CONSIDERING A VISIT TO THE AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HIS TALKS WITH ARAB AND ISRAELI LEADERS WOULD PROVIDE A CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT WAS DECIDED AT RABAT AND OF THE BEST MEANS FOR PURSUING NEGOTIATIONS. IT HAS BEEN OUR JUDGMENT THAT STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING BETWEEN JORDAN AND ISRAEL ON THE WEST BANK, OFFERED THE GREATEST HOPE OF SUCCESS AT THE PRESENT TIME. BUT IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT OUR OBJECTIVE HAS ALWAYS BEEN

TO HELP BRING ABOUT AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT ON THE BASIS OF SC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, NOT A SEPARATE SETTLEMENT OR SETTLEMENTS. THE ONLY QUESTION HAS BEEN HOW BEST TO PROCEED IN ORDER TO REACH THIS OBJECTIVE, GIVEN THE POSITION OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS STILL THE QUESTION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK THE ANSWER AND TO USE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED ON THAT BASIS. END GUIDANCE. INGERSOLL

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